



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By THERESA LA VOIE

## MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In honor of women's history month, I would like to document some of the achievements gained for women in the battle for equal rights and opportunities, whether at home, in the workplace, in the courtroom, or legislature.

Women in the United States may not have the Equal Rights Amendment, but there has been growth and progress toward equality. In 1701, the first sexually integrated jury heard cases in Albany, New York; in 1839, Mississippi (the first state to do so) granted women the right to hold property in their own name, with their husbands' permission; by 1900, every state had passed legislation modeled after New York's Married Women's Property Act, granting married women some control over their property and earnings; in 1969, California adopted the nation's first "no fault" divorce law, allowing divorce by mutual consent. In 1971, the U.S. Supreme Court held an Idaho state law establishing automatic preference for males as administrators of wills unconstitutional (the first time the court strikes down a law treating men and women differently); and in 1992 the Family and Medical Leave Act went into effect protecting the rights of women and families.

Other key events in the American women's rights movement:

1848 The first women's rights convention is held in Seneca Falls New York. After 2 days of discussion and debate, 68 women and 32 men sign a Declaration of Sentiments, which outlines grievances and set the agenda for the women's; rights movement. A set of 12 resolutions is adopted calling for equal treatment of women and men under the law and voting right for women.

1869, May Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton form the National Women's Suffrage Association. The primary goal of the organization is to achieve voting rights for women by means of a Congressional amendment to the Constitution.

1869, Dec. The territory of Wyoming passes the first women's suffrage law. The following year, women begin serving on juries in the territory.

1890 National Women's Suffrage Association and the American Women's Suffrage Association, merge to form the National American Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA). As the movement's mainstream organization, NAWSA wages state-by-state campaigns to obtain voting rights for women.

1893 Colorado is the first state to adopt an amendment granting women the right to vote. Utah and Idaho follow suit in 1896, Washington State in 1910, California in 1911, Oregon, Kansas, and Arizona in 1912, Alaska and Illinois in 1913, Montana and Nevada in 1914, New York, in 1917, Michigan, South Dakota, and Oklahoma in 1918.

1896 The National Association of Colored Women is formed, bringing together more than 100 black women's clubs. Leaders in the black women's club movement include Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, Mary Church Terrell, and Anna Julia Cooper.

1920 The 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote, is signed into law by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

1935 Mary McLeod Bethune organizes the National Council of Negro Women, a coalition of black women's groups that lobbies against job discrimination, racism and sexism.

1936 Federal law prohibiting the dissemination of contraceptive information through the mail is modified and birth control information is no longer classified as obscene.



# AFRICAN AMERICAN STATE PARK THREATENED BY PROPOSED MEGA-DAIRY DEVELOPMENT

## TIA BOATMAN PATTERSON'S UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON THE CONTROVERSIAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT



On the eve of its 100-year centennial, Tia Boatman Patterson (hereafter "Patterson") questions Tulare County Board of Supervisors' decision that may allow a large herd of cattle to trample on the future of Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. Allensworth is the only California town to be founded,

financed and governed by African Americans.

The small farming community was founded in 1908 by Colonel Allen Allensworth and a group of others dedicated to improving the economic and social status of African Americans. In 1976 Allensworth became a recognized historic site and was established as a state park, the only one in the United States solely dedicated to African Americans.

At the February 22nd WLS luncheon co-hosted by the Wiley Manuel Bar Association, Patterson raised serious concerns about a proposed mega-dairy development that could bring over 12,000 head of cattle within a mile of the revered state historic park.

Aside from the stench and unseemly sight of a mega-dairy, there are a number of adverse environmental concerns that could adversely impact the ecology reserve and wildlife reserve located within 1 mile of proposed site.

As Special Assistant to the Speaker of the California State Assembly, Patterson, a '94 graduate of McGeorge - University of the Pacific, was asked to look into the matter last fall. The mega-dairy proposal was brought to her attention by members of the Legislative Black Caucus.

Patterson does not have to dig deep to realize the potential impacts the mega dairy may have on the Historic State Park. The policy issues surrounding the proposed development literally hit home for her.

Her great aunt, Kathryn Louder Green, lobbied then-Governor Ronald Reagan to have the town of Allensworth designated as one of California's State Parks.

Patterson herself was born and raised in the Central Valley, not far from the rural Allensworth area. In fact, her decision to become a lawyer was made on the front steps of her grandmother's Central Valley house. Patterson, only 5 years old at the time, looked on as her uncle-- who lived with them at their grandmother's home-- was arrested.

"I remember my grandmother in absolute tears," Patterson recalled. "She kept saying: 'We need a lawyer, we need a lawyer.' "I didn't know what that was, but I knew I was going to be one."

It was the pivotal moment that set Patterson's legal career in motion. Her decision strengthened and evolved after a fire ravaged the family home.

"My mother had to find housing she could afford, so we moved to public housing," Patterson said.

She was in the 7th grade when her mother moved them out of subsidized public housing and into their own home with the assistance of a first-time homebuyer's program. Patterson and her sister worked to help their mother save.

"It was a whole family affair," said Patterson, now a public policy expert in housing and land use for the California Legislature.

Patterson provides policy expertise and advice to the Speaker, as well as Members of the Legislature on subject matters within the purview of Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development.

Framed by personal experience, Patterson developed a housing focus and a mantra that everyone should have "safe, sanitary and affordable housing."

"It's a sense of giving back," said Patterson, who also advises the Legislature on redevelopment, real estate transactional law, general municipal law, public contracting, economic development, and international trade matters.

Patterson has also served as Agency Counsel to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and as Chief Consultant to the California State Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

In her review of the proposed mega-dairy at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, Patterson found that several state agencies have commented that

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the landowner's Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has failed to identify any mitigation measures and review alternatives required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Special Use Permit for the mega-dairy is dependent upon the certification of the Final EIR.

These comments prompted eight members of the California Legislature to write to the Tulare County Board of Supervises on December 15, 2006, urging the county to reject the project and to not certify the landowner's Final EIR. The Legislators stated that the mega-dairy "will have a negative impact" on further development of the park, noting that over the past five years, California taxpayers have invested an estimated \$15 million in the park.

The Legislators also noted that the Governor's administration, the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Fish and Game, as well as the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Central Valley Region have "registered serious reservations" about the adverse impacts of the proposed dairies, their "compatibility" with the State Park, and "the adequacy" of the Final EIR.

On December 20, 2006, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors voted to postpone approval of the final EIR and the of the special use permit for the dairies. However, the county granted tentative certification of the Final EIR and tentative approval of the mega- dairy.

As water is already being trucked into the area, Patterson worries that the proposed mega-dairy could further denigrate the groundwater there.

"It's a vote that could possibly reward a landowner for a local entity's bad land use decisions," said Patterson. "Bad land use decisions tend to have an impact on communities of color."

"Their voice isn't heard as loud because they don't have the political savvy or money," Patterson explained. "They may not show up at council meetings, they may not vote."

"It's important to stand up for people in the minority when they can't speak up for themselves," she said.

This is not the first time the County has been involved in questionable land-use decisions.

According to an article in U.S.A Today, the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment sued the county over an allegedly "inadequate" study on another proposed dairy development. The suit was settled in

2001, ending a three-year moratorium on new dairies.

Patterson said Tulare County—which is largely agricultural -- is trying to give the landowner leverage in his negotiations with the State. The State is attempting to purchase development rights to the parcel in order to protect its investments in the State Park.

The State is also looking to invest and partner with communities in the Central Valley in order to accommodate projected growth rates. Through the year 2030, the growth rate of the region is projected to be 65% higher than the state average.

"How well the region accommodates this growth and this region's land-use decisions are important to the future of California," Patterson said, explaining that local land-use decisions in this farming community must be balanced to allow agriculture to co-exist with clean air and water.

"Individual local decisions that reduce the State's investment or go against what the region is trying to accomplish (clean air and clean water) are harmful in the aggregate," she added.

Patterson said the California Legislative Black Caucus plans to introduce legislation to protect Allensworth and stop the mega-dairy development. She said that despite all of its past challenges, the Col. Allensworth State Historic Park holds a special place in African-American and California history. This is a history that should be preserved and protected.

Having previously worked in private practice, Patterson realizes the tension that attorneys may feel when approached by developer-clients. For them, she has simple advice:

"First, make sure to hire a decent consultant and follow CEQA guidelines," she said. "And second, have early public participation. Work with community. Don't shut them out."

Patterson noted that the landowner proposing the dairy development has 50 other parcels in the Central Valley.

"He might have been able to avoid this controversy, save himself money, and put the development in a place everyone would agree to," Patterson said.

*The views expressed in the article are that of Tia Boatman Patterson, and not necessarily the views of the State of California.*

**By Kristi Beckley**

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1955 The Daughters of Bilitis (DOB), the first lesbian organization in the United States, is founded. DOB developed into a political organization to win basic acceptance for lesbians in the United States.

1960 The FDA approves birth control pills.

1961 President John Kennedy establishes the President's Commission on the Status of Women and appoints Eleanor Roosevelt as chairwoman. The report issued by the Commission in 1963 documents substantial discrimination against women in the workplace and makes specific recommendations for improvement, including fair hiring practices, paid maternity leave, and affordable child care.

1963 Congress passes the Equal Pay Act making it illegal for employers to pay a woman less than what a man would receive for the same job.

1964 Title VII of the Civil Rights Act bars discrimination in employment on the basis of race and sex. At the same time it establishes the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to investigate complaints and impose penalties.

1970 In *Schultz v. Wheaton Glass Co.*, the United States Court of Appeals rules that jobs held by men and women need to be "substantially equal" but not "identical" to fall under the protection of the Equal Pay Act. An employer cannot for example, change the job titles of women workers in order to pay them less than men.

1972, March The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. The amendment reads: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridges by the United States or by any State on account of sex." The amendment died in 1982 when it failed to achieve ratification by a minimum of 38 states.

June 23 – Title IX of the Education Amendments bans sex discrimination in schools. It states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." As a result of Title IX, the enrollment of women in athletics program and professional school increases dramatically.

1973 The United States Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade*, establishes a woman's right of legal abortion, overriding the anti-abortion law of many states.

1974 The Equal Credit Opportunity Act prohibits

discrimination in consumer credit practices on the basis of sex, race, marital status, religion, national origin, age, or receipt of public assistance.

In *Corning v. Glass Works v. Brennan*, the United States Supreme Court rules that employers cannot justify paying women lower wages because that is what they traditionally received under the "going market rate." A wage differential occurring "simply because men would not work at the law rates paid women" is unacceptable.

1978 The Pregnancy Discrimination Act bans employment discrimination against pregnant women. Under the Act, a woman cannot be fired or denied a job or a promotion because she is or may become pregnant, nor can she be forced to take a pregnancy leave if she is willing and able to work.

1984 Emily's List (Early Money is Like Yeast) is established as a financial network for pro-choice Democratic women running for national political office. The organization makes a significant impact on the increasing numbers of women elected to Congress.

1994 The Violence Against Women Act tightens federal penalties for sex offenders, funds services for victims of rape and domestic violence, and provides for special training of police officers.

1996 In *United States v. Virginia*, the United States Supreme Court rules that the all-male Virginia Military School has to admit women in order to continue to receive public funding. It holds that creating a separate, all-female school will not suffice.

2005 In *Jackson v. Birmingham Board of Equalization*, the United States Supreme Court rules that Title IX, which prohibits discrimination based on sex, also inherently prohibits disciplining someone for complaining about sex-based discrimination.

American women should be proud of the achievements they have made for equality, civil rights protections, and empowerment. But women in the United States, and globally, still bear disproportionately the burdens of poverty, domestic violence, illiteracy and disease. What can you do? Join organizations that battle for equality, and press our state and national leaders to take action.

*Acknowledgment:* The source of the information contained in the timeline of events in the women's rights movement was

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# **In Honor of the Late Cesar Chavez, During the Month of His Birthday, Women Lawyers of Sacramento, and La Raza Lawyers of Sacramento Are Pleased to Co-Host a March Luncheon**

**DATE:** March 22, 2007

Granddaughter to Cesar Chavez, and powerful community activist, Christine Chavez joins our Powerful Women series and speaks about devoting her life to social justice after the passing of her grandfather. Born in Delano, California, she was engrossed in the farm worker movement; eventually becoming Political Director of the United Farm Workers Union, the organization her grandfather helped co-found over 40 years ago.

Recently, Ms. Chavez joined Rev. Al Sharpton to announce the formation of the Latino and African American Leadership Alliance. Troubled by the escalating violence between Latinos and African Americans, Ms. Chavez helped organize a march that corresponds with the anniversary of the Watts riots. The Alliance sponsors community forums, outreach to schools and enlists the assistance of policy-makers to further the cause.

Today, Ms. Chavez continues to work toward awareness of issues such as Wal-Mart's hidden tax on society, the minimum wage debate, and the hot button item of same-sex marriages. Her public work is based on the values passed down to her from her grandfather; the fight for civil rights, social justice, and labor equality. Currently, Ms. Chavez is District Director for the State Senate Majority Leader, Gloria Romero.

**WHERE:** Firehouse Restaurant (Old Sacramento)

**TIME:** 12:00-1:15 p.m.

**MENU:** Pork Tenderloin grilled and served on a bed of Granny Smith Apples, braised with bacon, garnished with shallots and an apple brandy-ivory sauce, or Mediterranean Seafood Stew, shrimp, lobster, scallops, and fresh fish simmered in a vegetable-saffron sauce baked in puff pastry, served with a side salad, or Grilled Portobello Mushroom Tower, including portobello mushroom, layered with mozzarella, roasted red peppers and grilled tomatoes, garnished with eggplant and basil pesto sauce.

**COST:** \$20.00 for WLS and La Raza prepaid members, past presidents of WLS and La Raza, and judges; \$25.00 for all others, except law students, whose cost is \$15.00. It may not be possible to get a first choice entree unless reservation is made before the deadline.

Please mail your check payable to WLS and menu choice by March 14, 2007 to WLS, Attn: Luncheon, P.O. Box 936, Sacramento, CA 95812. Please indicate if you are a pre-paid WLS or La Raza member, past president, or judge on your check. Since WLS and La Raza will be charged for cancellations, payments must be received in advance and are non-refundable.

A raffle will also be held at the luncheon from which the proceeds will go to needy farm worker families who were financially devastated due to the freezing temperatures that have hurt California citrus farms this winter. Many of those workers have lost their jobs and are in desperate straits. If anyone has an item they would like to donate to this cause, please contact Ignacio Hernandez at (916) 447-9719 or [ignacio@buzohernandez.com](mailto:ignacio@buzohernandez.com) or Michael Terhorst at (707) 301-7504 or [calwyr@comcast.net](mailto:calwyr@comcast.net).

RSVPs or Questions about the luncheon? Contact WLS Member Amal Abu-Rahma at (916) (916) 322-9726 or [aaburahma@dmhc.ca.gov](mailto:aaburahma@dmhc.ca.gov) or WLS Member Angela Lai at (916) 442-8888 or [alai@nossaman.com](mailto:alai@nossaman.com). La Raza members may contact the following for questions only, NO RSVPs: La Raza President Ignacio Hernandez at (916) 447-9719 or [ignacio@buzohernandez.com](mailto:ignacio@buzohernandez.com) or La Raza Vice President Michael Terhorst at (707) 301-7504 or [calwyr@comcast.net](mailto:calwyr@comcast.net). Seating at the door is subject to availability. Please bring any unused toiletries and women's personal items to the luncheon. These items will be donated to Maryhouse, a non-profit organization that helps homeless women and children.

# Question of the Month

*“What should I say to a potential client who has concerns that I am too young?  
Or that women attorneys are not aggressive enough?”*

The WLS Newsletter Committee invites our readers to submit responses. The response(s) will be printed, along with a reprint of the question, in next month's WLS newsletter.

To respond to this question, email [gayle\\_kono@yahoo.com](mailto:gayle_kono@yahoo.com) before March 18, 2007. Please indicate whether or not you would like your response to remain anonymous.

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## Members in the Spotlight



Women Lawyers of Sacramento nominates Patricia Sturdevant for the California Lawyer of the Year Award in the Government Law Category. Ms. Sturdevant is a lead counsel in the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC).

In 2006, she was the lead counsel in the DMHC enforcement action that halted the improper procedures for kidney transplants at Kaiser Permanente in Northern California. Kaiser is the largest California Health Maintenance Organization. Kaiser improperly transferred more than 2,000 desperately ill patients awaiting kidney transplants to a new center without any notice to DMHC. As a result of delays resulting from this transfer, more than twice as many persons died than received kidney transplants—doubling the mortality rate. Pat Sturdevant halted this process.

Pat Sturdevant crafted a series of Orders requiring Kaiser to pay for treatment at alternative facilities, thus saving the lives of many. She also set procedures to guarantee patient safety and ordered a Monitor for the treatment center. Ultimately, she drafted a Consent Agreement in which Kaiser agreed to pay a record \$5 million dollar penalty.

This included \$3 million dollar contribution to Donate Life California, the new state organ and tissue registry. This fund will be used to conduct an outreach campaign on the importance of organ donation to Californians.

Ms. Sturdevant was also the lead on the DMHC's Enforcement team to halt the rampant abuses in the marketing and sale of discount health cards targeting low income and minority communities. These discount entities make false claims that they are providing health insurance, but offer no actual benefit except the referrals to providers who themselves provide no discounts on medical, dental, vision services or prescription drug fees. Ms. Sturdevant developed the DMHC enforcement strategy and drafted the Cense and Desist Order against seven discount entities to halt this practices. She also assisted in devising the litigation strategy in the administrative proceeding and the Superior Court case resulting from a challenge to the DMHC's jurisdiction. She negotiated a Consent Agreement in which a major entity agreed to a timetable under which it obtained significant and verifiable discounts, eliminated false advertising claims and initiated a procedure to obtain licensure.

Women Lawyers of Sacramento would like to nominate Patricia Tenoso Sturdevant for the California Lawyer of the Year in the area of Government.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### McGEORGE WELCOMES WOMEN LAWYERS

On March 8, 2007, Women Lawyers of Sacramento and the McGeorge Women's Caucus (in collaboration with the McGeorge Career Development Office), is co-sponsoring an upcoming Day in the Life Panel, which will explore the glass ceiling experienced by many female lawyers and business-women. The March

8 panel will be from 5 to 6 p.m., in seminar room 5. Some appetizers and drinks will be provided. The event is free. This program is part of the continuing commitment of WLS to reach out to law schools and connect students with practicing attorneys and judges in the Sacramento area.

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### WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO PRESENT A TWO-PART PROGRAM: PATHS TO SUCCESS

**Event:** Join us for two programs to learn from local judges about the judicial appointments process. These programs are offered at no charge to attendees.

**Date:** Thurs. Mar. 15, 2007: Hon. Emily Vasquez, Hon. Shellyanne Chang, and Hon. James Mize - state court appointments process

**Time:** 5:30 PM—7 PM

**Location:** Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Birney, 400 Capitol Mall, 22nd Floor

**RSVP:** [t.dahn@att.net](mailto:t.dahn@att.net) or [jsr@drobnylaw.com](mailto:jsr@drobnylaw.com)

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**CALIFORNIA WOMEN LAWYERS®**  
**SEVENTH ANNUAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL RECEPTION**

**Event:** The Honorable Brenda Harbin-Forte Alameda County Superior Court will be presented the 2007 Rose Bird Memorial Award.

**Cost:** \$45.00 CWL Member • \$55.00 Non-Member. Justices, Judges, Magistrate Judges and Commissioners will be guests of CWL.

**Date:** Friday, March 23, 2007

**Location:** Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP

David I. Wendel Conference Center

1111 Broadway, 19th Floor

Oakland, CA 94607

(510) 834-6600

**Time:** 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**RSVP:** Return the form below before March 16, 2007 to: CWL, 650 Howe Avenue, Suite 555 • Sacramento, CA 95825 • Phone (916) 646-3114 • Fax (916) 646-6469 • Email [info@cwl.org](mailto:info@cwl.org)

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**MAJORS-LEWIS NAMED AS GOVERNOR'S JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY**

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently named San Diego County prosecutor Sharon Majors-Lewis as his new judicial appointments secretary. Majors-Lewis, 58, is the first African-American and the first woman to hold the job, and she's the first active prosecutor named to the post in recent memory. Majors-Lewis' appointment comes as the governor prepares to name 50 trial court judges in the coming

months - the first wave in what judiciary officials hope will be 150 new bench positions created through 2009. Majors-Lewis is a chief deputy district attorney in San Diego County, where she oversees cases in three court branches as well as in the juvenile division. Before joining the DA's office in 1987, Majors-Lewis worked for the Department of Defense for two decades.

## GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER APPOINTS TIMOTHY ALAN SIMON TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has announced the appointment of Timothy Alan Simon to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Since January 2006, Simon has served as the first African American appointments secretary in the Office of the Governor. Prior to joining the administration, he served as general counsel and chief compliance officer for Global Crown Capital, LLC where he was responsible for development and implementation of legal and compliance policies for the firm. Simon serves on several boards including,

Catholic Charities/CYO of the San Francisco Bay Area, the African American Interest Free Loan Association and the Megan Furth Academy. Additionally, he is an adjunct professor of law at Golden Gate University School of Law and taught at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He teaches securities regulation and advises on international law. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$123,897. Simon is a Republican.

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### KATZ V. U.S.: 40 YEARS LATER – FROM WARRANTLESS WIRETAPS TO THE WAR ON TERROR MARCH 9, 2007

The UC Davis Law Review is hosting a discussion on issues surrounding warrantless wiretapping in an age of global terrorism. Panelists will focus on the landmark decision in *Katz v. United States*, 389 U.S. 347 (1967), in which the Supreme Court held that a warrantless domestic wiretap was an unconstitutional search under the Fourth Amendment. This Symposium will explore the historic roots of the *Katz* decision, the evolution of remedies for illegal searches, the distinctions between Fourth Amendment protections for citizens and

non-citizens, and the constitutionality of warrantless wiretaps for national security purposes. The 2007 Symposium will take place on March 9 at the UC Davis School of Law, King Hall, in Room 1008, with overflow space in Room 2011. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude by 4:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. No RSVP necessary. For more information, visit <http://lawreview.law.ucdavis.edu/2007symposium> or contact Jennifer Carbuccion, [jlcarbuccion@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jlcarbuccion@ucdavis.edu), or Amber Hawk, [ahawk@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ahawk@ucdavis.edu).

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### POSITION AVAILABLE

The Office of Enforcement of the Department of Managed Health Care is looking for a staff counsel. The ideal candidate will have 4 to 7 years experience; a solid background in litigation, healthcare, or both; and the ability to handle complex legal work against formidable adversaries.

The Office promotes and protects the rights of HMO enrollees, penalizes plans for violations of the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act, Health & Safety Code sections 1340 et seq., and negotiates corrective action plans. For further information about the position, contact Patricia Sturdevant at (916) 327-7312; see also the DMHC website, [www.dmhc.ca.gov](http://www.dmhc.ca.gov).

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### LAW CLERK POSITION OPEN FOR FEDERAL JUDGE IN ARIZONA

**Position:** Law clerk for Judge Raner Collins in the Southern District of Arizona- Tucson, AZ. Judge Collins is a Clinton Appointee and the first African American to serve as a Federal Judge in Arizona.

The job is- a 2 year post, pays between \$45-50,000 with benefits. The law clerks handle the civil caseload, but there is

a heavy criminal docket that the Judge handles himself. State Date: August 2007

**Hours:** 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Application Materials: (1) A cover letter; (2) Resume; (3) Writing same no more than 3 pages in length; (4) three letters of recommendation. Applications should be sent asap.

Contact Information: Anita Garcia, 520-205-4542

## WHITE HOUSE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Program Information: The White House Internship Program is accepting applications. In addition to typical office duties, interns attend weekly lectures, tours and complete an intern service project. Interns may serve a term in the Fall, Spring or Summer. Every candidate must be a U.S. citizen, enrolled in a college or university and be at least 18 years old.

Applications: An application and additional info about the Program can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/wh-intern.html>.

Applications should exhibit: (1) sound academic credentials,

(2) a history of community involvement and leadership, (3) solid verbal/written communication skills and (4) a demonstrated interest in public service.

Deadline: March 6, 2007 for SUMMER 2007 (May 22-August 2007)

June 26, 2007 for FALL 2007 (September 4-December 14, 2007)

Contact Information: Karen Race, Deputy Director and Intern Coordinator, White House Personnel, at [intern\\_application@whitehouse.gov](mailto:intern_application@whitehouse.gov) (202) 456-5979 (voice/relay)

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## LEGAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA IN SAN DIEGO, LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO.

Job Description: Union Bank of California, N.A., seeks an attorney to provide legal support for the design and delivery of retail financial services. The position requires at least five years of applicable professional experience, preferably in the financial services industry or as outside counsel for financial services industry clients.

This position may be located in San Francisco, Los Angeles or San Diego.

Contract Information: Send resumes to recruiter Mylene. Wilson@uboc.com, 415-765-2190. If submitted by mail, send to Mylene Wilson, Union Bank of California, N.A., 400 California Street (1-001-10B), San Francisco, CA 94104. Indicate that you were referred by Chela Madere of the Legal Department in San Diego.

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## JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS COMMITTEE EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT APPLICATIONS TO MARCH 23, 2007

The Judicial Evaluations Committee for the Eastern District of California is seeking applicants for the position of Federal District Court Judge in anticipation of the vacancy that will occur when Chief Judge David Levi leaves his position to become Dean of the Duke Law School. The deadline for submitting applications has been extended to March 23, 2007.

The application form is available at the Sac Bar office or can be emailed in Word format by contacting Chuck Bell, the Chairman of the Committee for the Eastern District

of California. The completed original application and 8 copies should be sent to him. The committee will interview applicants for the position and make its recommendations to Hon. Gerald L. Parsky, of Los Angeles, California, who is the Chairman of the California Judicial Evaluation Committees on behalf of President Bush.

Contact Information: Charles H. Bell, Jr., Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk, LLP, 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 801, Sacramento, CA 95814, Telephone: (916) 442-7757, Facsimile: (916) 442-7759, [cbell@bmhlaw.com](mailto:cbell@bmhlaw.com), [www.bmhlaw.com](http://www.bmhlaw.com).

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## FULL-TIME U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE APPOINTMENT AUTHORIZED IN FRESNO DIVISION OF EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of California at Fresno.

The full text of the Public Notice is available at <http://www.caed.uscourts.gov/caed/DOCUMENTS/FrsMJNotice.pdf> and the application form is available electronically at [www.caed.uscourts.gov](http://www.caed.uscourts.gov).



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